

WORLD CONGRESS TO CONSIDER GEORGE DALE CASE

OLD TAX LEVY AND BUDGET
ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AND
COOLIDGE GETS THE BLAME

Marking a virtue of necessity the city council Thursday night fixed the budget and tax levy for the year 1927 the same as that of 1926. After demanding an increase of \$110,000 over the 1926 budget, the action of the council in suddenly deciding the \$110,000 was not needed might have been a mystery, except for the fact that it was generally known that the council made a stupendous blunder in failing to pass its budget ordinance last Monday night.

It happens that the law requires that the budget and tax levy shall be established not later than the first Monday in September. The council met last Monday night with the specter of a second hand truck hanging over its head.

Members of a citizens' committee were there to start something. The boys grew uneasy and suddenly adjourned the council meeting without fixing the budget. They wanted to get ready for some sort of a defense of the board of works that had bought the junk heap, so they adjourned to meet Thursday night.

One of the statesmen, Councilman Barclay, suggested that since Monday was Labor Day, the passage of the budget ordinance might not be legal, so his proposal to pass it over until Thursday, when it could not possibly be legal, was acted upon by our sapient city legislative body.

Evidently George Koons, the city attorney, who does not seem to know of the law penalizing the purchase of a second hand truck belonging to a member of the board of works, was also in the dark concerning the time for fixing the city budget.

After the damage was done he found out. Many lawyers were consulted during the week and when the fact penetrated dense skulls that the law plainly says that in the event of the failure of council to establish the budget not later than the first Monday in September, there shall be no changes in the budget and tax levy for the ensuing year, the means and groans that ensued were pitiful.

Finding that there was no escape the gangsters got together and constructed a humorous resolution, which was read and adopted Thursday night.

It started off with lauding the great republican party to the skies. It declared that President Coolidge and the county commissioners of Delaware county had set the pattern for economical government and that the city council was going

to follow suit by heroically stifling its first impulse to raise the budget \$110,000 and leaving it where it was.

When the plot was hatched to boost the budget \$110,000, the boys forgot all about Coolidge and the thrifty county commissioners. If the truck deal had not been starting them in the face last Monday night Coolidge and the republican party could have been gone to thunder and the boys would have had \$110,000 more to spend next year.

Councilman Barclay added a little more comedy to the situation Thursday night by offering a remarkable resolution. In the truck matter before presenting the resolution Barclay spoke feelingly. He said he brought the matter up in a council caucus three weeks ago believing that it would not become public.

He said irresponsible parties had started the truck discussion. Being an expert himself in values he declared that if he was in the market himself for a truck he would be willing to pay \$3,000 for the second hand truck bought by the board of works.

The resolution asked for the appointment of a committee of three councilmen and two disinterested citizens, one a democrat and the other a republican, to investigate and prove the falsity of the charges, which shows what may be expected when the committee makes its report.

The three councilmen named on the committee are Herron, Adams and Replogle, administration men. The "disinterested" citizens are E. P. Kitchman, democrat, and Marion Philhart, republican, and E. P. Kitchman, democrat.

The resolution declared that the story had been started by "irresponsible, jackals and truck rakers." Since Barclay started the story himself by bringing it officially to the attention of the council, the Post-Democrat suggests a guessing bee to determine just which one of the three he is.

One thing which was not discussed was a notice served on the council by Attorney Francis Shaw, demanding that suit be brought by the city to recover the money paid out fraudulently for the worthless truck.

It is evident that the entire city administration, with the exception of six councilmen who do not belong to the ring, are going to stand pat on the truck deal.

Of course the committee named

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HUNTERS ASKED
TO TREAT LAND
OWNERS SQUARE

Posted Farms More Numerous Because of Damage Done To Property.

The sportsmen of this country are today confronted with a serious condition that is yearly becoming more menacing. This is not a deep into the future or a prophecy—it is something tangible and that has already "arrived." We refer to the increasing area of posted land confronting hunters every fall season. Back of all this lies a reason and if we are to enjoy our annual hunts in the woods and fields it is well that we analyze the situation. Webster defines property as "The exclusive right of possession; enjoying and disposing of a thing; ownership, title." Every man who owns woodland or pasture land may, without applying to local, County or State authorities, post such land prohibiting all trespassing and people who violate such warning law themselves liable to a suit for damages.

To get a correct and unbiased view of the situation all one need do is to put himself in the position of the land owner. The perspective immediately "shortens up" and the other fellow's position is much clearer.

Some people (the reader doubtless knows a few) can always be depended upon to respect the property of their neighbors and fellow townsmen, but when they get into distant villages and are hunting in a strange territory, they show a surprising lack of appreciation of the rights of other people and property and the respect due them and it. Right here is where most of the trouble lies and has come from in the past. In the "old days" most of us went afoot on our hunting trips and it was only the local "Nabob" who boasted a Democrat wagon to convey dogs and guns to the fields. Consequently we were seldom in a vicinity where we were not well known or where we didn't know pretty nearly everyone. Posted land in those days was a great rarity and the relations between sportsmen, farmers and land owners was very cordial—an example of mutual respect, appreciation and understanding. Today the automobile can transport one fully one hundred miles from his home town in less than four hours and set him down in a country where he is a stranger among strangers.

It is only a human trait in us all that we generally make mental pictures of the stranger that flatters him but little. Most of us have learned through experience that it is better to make sure than to take things for granted, and here is the crux of the situation that we are discussing. To inspire confidence in the land owner it is always the better policy, where possible, to ask permission to shoot over his land, assuring him that his property will be respected, that fences and gates will be left as they are found and the domestic animals unmolested. If permission is refused the decision should be respected. The man is simply exercising his right in the premises as you or I might do under the same circumstances. Occasionally and in fact quite often, when hunting, one will climb walls or fences and find himself on still another's land. In this case it is always "good policy" to look up this owner, introduce oneself and get acquainted. In an experience of over forty years, we have found this a good thing to do.

Remember always to leave gates and bars as they are found—open, closed, up or down. If in climbing over a fence a rail or section is broken take time to make thorough repairs so that cattle may not take advantage of the break. Don't allow your dogs to annoy the domestic animals on the place but keep them in "at heel" at the proper time. Above all things be careful of your fire if you find it necessary to have one. Take no risks and be sure that the last spark is thoroughly extinguished before leaving the vicinity. We used always to make it a point to call back on the owner as we left the premises and thank him for the privileges we had enjoyed. As a result we were invariably invited to "come again" boys. Respect shown to persons and property inspires confidence and nothing will destroy it quicker than the lack of it. Trespass and damage by one party may prejudice a score of land owners in that particular vicinity with the result that many sportsmen, who would appreciate the privilege of shooting such covers have to suffer with the guilty. Bear in mind that the possession of a hunting license does not in any sense imply the right of trespass on your part. Most people appreciate being consulted regarding the details of their own affairs and the farmer or land owner is no exception to this very general rule. Get acquainted with them first and show your sportsmanship and appreciation. It pays every time.

Contentment

Count Leo Tolstoi, the great Russian writer, once made a statement which fits the Muncie situation exactly. In sorrow we regret that we cannot remember the exact words, but they compared the Old Man or the Sea, riding the back of Sinbad, The Sailor, with the predatory few who ride the many. Those who ride keep reminding the beasts of burden of the birds singing in the trees, they point out the beauties of the landscape, and they promise to do anything in the world for the patient burden bearers, anything but get off their backs.

Just now, booted and spurred, an ill-smelling oligarchy is riding the backs of the people of Muncie and Delaware county. With the spurs buried to the hilt in the flesh of their victims, they plead with the victims to be patient, contented and happy.

In virtuous indignation they sit astride the shoulders of their fellow citizens and chide them for complaining. They ask them to sing merry songs and dance around the Maypole in abandoned glee. If the spurs hurt and the saddle galls let them forget their misery. Instead of complaining when the rider gives them a couple of clips with a rawhide, they should give thanks for living in Muncie, and for the opportunity of playing saddle horse for the gentlemen who ride.

The preachers of contentment are contented themselves and they would have the ridden to say they are contented whether they are or not. If the spurs sink in too deeply, and the whip falls heavily on quivering flesh, there should be no outcry lest some fellow from Oshkosh who wishes to locate a galvanizing factory might become gunshy and depart in panic.

The things to do is to keep the truth hidden. It is not hard for the rider to keep smiling, happy and contented. The spurs are not ripping his sides nor is the whip raising welts on his hide.

His idea of a good citizen is one who is bridleside and saddle broke and who will stand without hitching. One who will carry double, fare happily on one ear of corn a day and give thanks that God Almighty has placed him in the cage and keeping of one who will do anything in the world for him—except to get off his back.

If mountains of gravel are piled up all over the county for the purpose of enriching the few and taxing the many, it must not be mentioned even in a whisper. We must keep our civic reputation clean by ignoring the gravel and joining the boosters' club.

If a packed jury sends you to jail for something you did not do, laugh heartily, send word from the county jail for your wife to unfurl the American flag, and give thanks to the blessed Redeemer that you live in Muncie, which didn't amount to much until Harry Hoffman became president of the board of works, but which has since that happy event become known far and wide as the city of contentment.

When the board of works in a playful and prankish mood sees fit to buy from one of its own members, a broken down truck at a price much higher than a new one, just give a happy chuckle or two and send out the word over seven states inviting people to come here and join Clarence Dearth's Sunday school class. But don't dare to utter a word about the truck. It might cause people to become discontented. And all the owners of second-hand trucks in the world would make a grand rush for Muncie.

Everything must be sacrificed, even honor and truth, to keep the people contented. Contentment is to be desired above all other things. One of our daily newspapers said so a few days ago and that makes it so.

The way to keep the people contented is to keep them in ignorance. An ignorant, but nevertheless happy and contented population is to be desired above all things. Strangers seeking a new location would be sure to head straight for Muncie on such a recommendation. The way to "sell Muncie" to new homeseekers is to emulate the horse trader who forgets to mention to the buyer that the old hoss has a touch of the heaves, is slightly windbroken, has a knocked down hip, is blind in one eye, can't see out of the other and is balky, rickety, lousy and mangy.

The way to get the customers here is to send out the word that here we are; Lafayette, ignorant—so ignorant indeed that we buy all our second-hand trucks of buyers who are compelled to make their marks, and contented—as contented as a flock of fat hogs in a mud wallow filled to the ears with corn and swill.

And just think what a grand rush to Muncie there would be if we had no school teachers or preachers or Bibles to worry us. Something should be done to prevent the spread of knowledge in Muncie, if we ever expect to grow as big as Chicago.

The editor of this newspaper will candidly admit that he has never been quite as happy and contented as he was many years ago, before the hired girl told him all about hell for the first time.

School teachers are adding to the discontent of our children here in Muncie by feeding them from the tree of knowledge and our preachers will insist on talking about the bad place, and how we'll all get there if we don't behave, which is not only disconcerting, but is positively in bad form.

It is really shocking the way the preachers talk about things. Living in Muncie we should be told that that alone entitles us to eternal glory. Hell should never be mentioned as even a remote possibility for Muncie folks.

The preachers should boost, and boost and boost. If there is such a thing as hell, or the likelihood of any Muncie people getting there, the preachers should not mention it if they expect our population to grow.

Hell was made for Anderson, they should say, but not Muncie. If they should put that word out, and make everybody believe it, all the republicans in the world would move here and thus escape the wrath to come, and then what a happy and contented community we would be.

Soon we are to have civic, or was it physic? week, in Muncie, according to the Star rhapsodizer. Contentment is to be squirted into us with a horse syringe. Ignorance and content, oh happy day!

Discussion of Muncie Contempt Matter Will
Be Led at Geneva Press Conference Monday
by Thales Coutoupis, Editor Athens,
Greece, Newspaper--The Post-Democrat
Case To Be Considered by Newspaper
Delegates Representing Twenty-Six Nations.

When Judge Dearth, on the morning of March 14, 1923, handed down his now famous contempt of court decision against the editor of the Post-Democrat, he little thought that his was the hand that had touched off a bomb which was to reverberate around the world.

Monday afternoon, in the famed city of Geneva, Switzerland, the seat of the League of Nations, discussion of the Dale contempt case will lead the program at the world press congress which convenes there on that date for a four-day session.

Three hundred newspaper delegates, representing all the leading countries on the globe, will attend the international press gathering. Representatives of one hundred leading American newspapers will attend the convention.

Greek To Lead Discussion

Thales Coutoupis, a celebrated Greek statesman, lawyer and journalist, has been named as chairman of the discussion of the contempt case. Mr. Coutoupis is a senator representing the Spartan district in the Grecian senate, and is the editor of the Nea Ellas, an Athens, Greece, newspaper.

He is one of the foremost world advocates of a free and unrestricted press and was chosen to lead the discussion, Monday, because of a paper on the subject read by him at the last meeting of the world press congress at Honolulu in 1921.

Under the caption, "Press Congress to Consider Dale Case," Editor & Publisher, leading newspaper trade journal of New York, prints the following in its current issue:

Congress President interviewed "Judicial press censorship, as it is practiced in the United States, through contempt of court procedure, will be taken up at sessions of the Press Congress of the World at Geneva and Lausanne, Sept. 14-18, Dean Walter Williams, congress president, informed Editor & Publisher, this week, in an exclusive interview prior to the departure of American delegates on the S. S. Campania, Sept. 3.

"The last minute addition to the congress agenda, not included on the official program, was occasioned by the fact that the case of George R. Dale, editor of the Muncie (Ind.) Post-Democrat, cited on a contempt charge, will come before the United States Supreme Court, Sept. 27, shortly after Press Congress sessions are concluded.

"Dean Williams, (head of the University of Missouri School of Journalism) declared a resolution opposing the power accorded judges under the American law in regard to the press would be offered to the Congress delegates, who will represent 26 different nationalities, and number some 300 newspaper editors and publishers, of which about one hundred are from the United States.

Opposed To Censorship "The Congress president himself is firmly opposed to contempt of court procedure, wherein a judge

acts as complainant, jury and judge.

"If I am in agreement with Editor & Publisher in regard to this serious menace to a free press," Dean Williams said.

"Editor & Publisher has editorially branded the system as 'the single peace time survival in this country of the ancient despotic rule of lese majesty' and has suggested passage of legislation transferring contempt cases to courts of parallel, but removed jurisdiction, as a curb to the arbitrary power of judges.

"The suggestion of this paper will be incorporated in the resolution to be offered at the Press Congress, and will be thoroughly discussed by delegates, Dean Williams said.

"The Dale case, representing as it does, one phase of the American judicial procedure as it affects the press, will probably enter discussions of the Press Congress at the second session, Tuesday, Sept. 14, under the general topic of 'The Contempt of Court.'

"Chairman of the discussion on this subject is Thales Coutoupis, of the Athens (Greece) Nea Ellas, who, Dean Williams said, is a keen student of the question of a free press, and delivered an illuminating paper on the subject at the last meeting of the congress in Honolulu in 1921.

A World Problem "Dean Williams cited the imprisonment of Mexican editors as an example of the problems of a free press. The Congress, he said, has accomplished the release of Silvestre Terrazas and was working for the release of Vincent Villanova, both of whom had been imprisoned, the latter for publishing a letter of protest written by a Mexican residing in New York. Suppression of newspapers in Ecuador, Chile, Guatemala and Italy, also will be considered.

"The American editor, Dale, of Muncie, was sentenced by a local state judge to 90 days' imprisonment and \$500 fine for publishing an editorial.

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HEARTLESS

Probably the most heartless act recorded against the Billy Williams machine was that of ejecting from the county infirmary two aged and helpless cripples and the arbitrary act of Judge Dearth in summarily discharging from the county board of charities and corrections four members who attempted to investigate the matter.

As it stands now, Charles Harris and H. N. Gallimore, the two inmates who were ejected because they complained of the failure of the county infirmary superintendent to deliver to them each week the copy of the Post-Democrat they had subscribed and paid for, are without a home and are dependent upon unorganized charity for help.

The social service bureau has given them no help, but private citizens and the Salvation Army have extended some assistance.

Charles Harris, paralyzed and almost helpless, without a dime in his pocket and with no place to sleep, told a Post-Democrat representative Wednesday that there was nothing left for him to do but end his troubles in the river.

Driven to despair by his hopeless condition, and made more hopeless by Judge Dearth's removal of board members who were seeking justice for him, he declared that drowning would end his misery.

He was persuaded to refrain from this rash measure and acting on advice, seated himself on Walnut street and asked for help of passers by, wearing on his chest a placard bearing the inscription, "Fired from the County Infirmary: I Have No Home."

Patrolman Ira Pittenger toddled at once to police headquarters and made a report. Two policemen soon after placed Harris under arrest and compelled him under threats to desist from begging on the street.

If there are any charitably disposed persons in Muncie who wish to render assistance to an unfortunate who is worthy of help, and who is being driven to starvation and possible suicide by a heartless political machine, they should act at once.

The people are paying to have such cases cared for but these two unfortunates, Charley Harris and H. N. Gallimore, unable to care for themselves, are exempted because they incurred the peevish displeasure of an infirmary superintendent who regrets that he is the servant of the people and takes orders from Billy Williams.

LIBELED?

The editor of the Post-Democrat has been informed that he is to go to trial in the Delaware circuit court September 30 on a charge of criminal libel preferred by one Raymond Warner, a fellow who is so low down and ornery that his wife secured a divorce on the ground that he beat her and failed to provide for her.

Warner has been a sort of a flunky and tool for Harry Hoffman and others of the Billy Williams machine. When any particularly low down, dirty job is to be pulled off, Warner and others of his stripe are drafted.

While acting as deputy prosecutor during the last term of court Wilbur Ryman caused this sweet specimen to go before the grand jury with his story, but the grand jury refused to listen to him.

After the grand jury adjourned Ryman caused the fellow to file an affidavit. The alleged libelous editorial concerning Warner was published seven months ago. The Fourth Estate told the truth when it said an honest man would not wait seven months to defend an attack on his integrity.

Warner was boosted into it by slimy Ryman, just the same as poor George Roeger was used as a stool pigeon and catspaw in a similar case three years ago.

The prosecution against us this time is not really for libeling Raymond Warner, but because we attacked Wilbur Ryman, truthfully publishing the statement that while acting as prosecutor he was boldly protecting the swindler Alpha Holaday.

Ryman was too yaller to bring an action on his own account. He knows the penitentiary is simply yawning for him because of his connection with Holaday, therefore he does not care to take chances on questioning the truth of the charges made against him by the Post-Democrat.

The cowardly rat simply used his temporary power as deputy prosecutor to bring an action on the part of another who was "libeled" seven months ago rather than take chances on questioning charges made against him self the same week.

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Defending the Grafters.

Citizens of Muncie should sit up and take notice at the impudent resolution concerning the truck deal which was adopted by the city council Thursday night. The resolution declares faith in the board of works and asks for the appointment of an investigating committee not to get at the facts of the case, but to prove the falsity of the charges.

The resolution bristles with charges against "muck rakers, irresponsibles and jackals," who seek to discredit our honest city officials.

Councilman Replogle, unable to restrain his feelings, arose to remark that the truck in question hauled 65 tons of crushed stone in one day, which, he thought, ought to convince the public that the board of works had made a commendable purchase.

This councilman, who is illegally serving as inspector on city contracts, while drawing his salary as councilman, might have added that the same truck had hauled many thousand tons of coal for a member of the board of works during the four years he owned it, and that it was worn out in that service when the board of works bought it at a price higher than a new one could have been purchased for.

Every man in the city administration who has the nerve to defend the truck purchase will bear watching.

Second-Hand Bridge.

Having in mind, no doubt, the action of the board of works in buying a second hand truck, an attempt is being made by the traction company, through its attorney, W. A. McClellan, to sell a second-hand bridge to the county. The Union Traction company has torn up its tracks on West Jackson street, leaving a long hole in the street and a useless bridge. The company has donated the hole to the city and wants to sell the bridge to the county. The commissioners ought to add to their bridge record by buying another for which the county has no use, to add to the one which starts nowhere and ends the same place.

Liars Will Figure.

Mayor Hampton boasts that his administration has spent in the eight months of its existence, \$60,000 less than did the last city administration during the same period. Figures don't lie, but liars frequently figure.

According to Hampton's figures the amount expended last year from January 1 to August 1 was \$275,885.44 while his administration during the same period this year spent \$229,885.44.

Of the amount spent last year \$107,000 was paid out on the city building. Deducting this from the total expenditures of the last city administration we have left the actual amount spent out for running expenses, \$168,885.44, which is \$60,578.06 less than the total expenditures of the Hampton administration for the past eight months.

So it turns out that there was sixty thousand difference, all right, but the mayor made the slight mistake of charging the excess up to the wrong administration.

Our Versatile Mayor.

The Star's foxy new writer, who has been here almost a month and has discovered all about Muncie, is banking on Mayor Hampton as the new white hope. Summing up the accomplishments of the mayor, the Star rhapsodist was mostly impressed by three things: The way he slipped a package of cigarettes across his desk, his practice of driving a hundred miles after a council meeting and fishing the rest of the night and his ability to converse fluently with his hands in the deaf mute language. That, we would say, just about tells the story.

How Do They Get That Way?

It is claimed the heads of the republican organization of Indiana are not intending to pay any attention to the Baltimore Sun's interview with Vivian Wheatcraft since her denial of the truth of the interview, contending that it is merely a matter of taking the word of a woman who has proved herself true to her party or that of a democratic paper interested in the defeat of Senator Watson. But true to her party, how do they get that way? What has she done to prove her party loyalty? It was not against democrats she was fighting when she organized her "poison squads" to deceive the honest republican women voters of the state. It was against republican candidates, before the republican voters of the state seeking a republican nomination.

Wherein does her conduct prove her loyalty to the republican party unless Jim Watson and Bert Thurman are considered the republican party? Can any one be considered true to any party who stirs up discord, causes party sores, instills party hatred which will take years to heal, deceive a lot of the loyal voters of the party who will certainly resent the deception in years to come, all for the personal gain of herself and two or three other party members? We are very doubtful about the loyalty of any such individual or the big bosses back of that individual. We believe honest republicans, and the vast majority of that party are honest, will in time be just as doubtful of the loyalty of those individuals as we are now.

No, if the republican organization wishes to clear itself from censure, if it wishes to prove to the republican women of this state that the state republican organization regards them as possessed of just ordinary intelligence, it must either disown Vivian Wheatcraft or prove, prove beyond doubt and by other proof than her mere denial, that no such dishonorable, dishonest, disgusting tactics were used in the May primary to mislead the honest republican women voters into the Watson-Thurman camp like so many hobbled sheep. The negro republican voter has always swallowed anything the big bosses of the republican party saw fit to tell them but have the republican women the same blind confidence in republican bosses? We certainly doubt it and it will require the women's vote in November to convince us that republican women are of no higher mental ability.

Placing the Blame.

Mrs. Vivian Wheatcraft claims she has a "poison squad" of five women in each of Indiana's ninety-two counties who are so lost to any idea of political fair play that they will go about whispering scandal about republican candidates, scandal which those using her dare not print for fear of con-

sequences. Republican women of Indiana who regard the ballot as a sacred duty they owe to good government are of course incensed at the perfidy of this woman and her "squads of five." Indiana republican women resent the fact that they have been thus used, thus voted like sheep by designing politicians for their own selfish ends, but it is Mrs. Wheatcraft and her "poison squads" which are primarily to blame?

It was the men's republican organization which placed these unscrupulous women at the head of the women's organization, placed them in positions of trust where they could so easily fool and mislead the honest, conscientious republican women voters of the state. Had those positions of trust in the women's organization been filled by a vote of the women themselves such a condition of sordid degradation could not have been brought about. It was the political machine of republican men built up and maintained by the men, which appointed those women to office and these men appointed women whom they could control for their own purposes, fair or unfair. Hence the muddle.

Who owns and controls this state political machine? Has it not yielded implicit, unquestioning obedience to one James E. Watson? Was not this condition of political trickery, of back-biting, sniping, slander within the republican party originated and installed among the honest republican women voters of Indiana with his knowledge and by his consent? If you doubt this just remember how that same Watson insisted, even at the possibility of a break with State Chairman Walb, that this same Mrs. Wheatcraft be placed at the head of the women's organization again? It is true she has been sent out of the state temporarily but can you trust such men not to use the same tactics, not to deceive and degrade your ballot at the next election? The honest republican women voters of Indiana face a parting of the ways in this election. Either they will assert their full citizenship by rebuking those who have placed so foul a blot upon their honor or they will acknowledge their subservience to political trickery by electing those tricksters to office.

Employees Favor Postal Changes

Indianapolis, Sept. 8.—Raymond D. Phillips of South Bend was elected president of the Indiana Federation of Postoffice Clerks at the ninth annual convention Monday at the Denison hotel. Other officers selected were H. L. Pries of Evansville, first vice president; Thomas Preston of Fort Wayne, second vice president; and Earl McDonald of Fort Wayne, re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Among the sixteen resolutions adopted was one designating six hours of night work as equivalent to eight hours of day work. Another resolution favored a thirty-day vacation instead of the present fifteen day period. A more adequate retirement law was favored. Abolition of the weight and speed-up system for clerks also was asked. Leo E. George of Washington, national president of the federation, told of the harmony existing between postoffice employees and postmasters for the advancement of the service. He praised the high standard of work of the clerks.

Geneva Splits On U. S. Status

Geneva, Sept. 9.—A deadlock was reached suddenly last night on the problem of American adherence to the world court of justice, which now is in the hands of the special committee of fourteen appointed by the world court conference. Another committee meeting will not be held before next week, first, because of the serious nature of the difficulty encountered and, second, because the members will be occupied with the sessions of the committees of the assembly. The difficulty arises from the fact that neither the committee nor anybody else knows whether the council of the League of Nations, when asking the court for advisory opinions, must vote by majority or unanimity. If the unanimity rule prevails, the United States reservations can be accepted immediately, but if the majority system obtains, then the situation is otherwise.

Gov. J. J. Blaine, of Wisconsin, was successful in Tuesday's primary thus defeating Senator Lenroot, for the nomination for senator. Blaine was pledged to seek reconsideration of adherence to the world court, and amendment of the Volstead act.

PREMIUMS PAID ON GOLD MEDAL SHEEP

Club Work Great Aid In Preparing Lambs for Market.

In connection with the Gold Medal Sheep Club work in Jefferson County, it has been possible for the farmers by shipping their lambs to Cincinnati to receive a 50-cent premium over market top, because of the quality and finish to these lambs. The shippers and dealers report at least a 20 per cent increase in the price of docking and castrating the market lambs. Some of the farmers delivered their own lambs to the terminal market, netting about 13.50 per head. A result of the club work is that one of the members who has heretofore used a grade ram is purchasing a pure bred for the next breeding season.

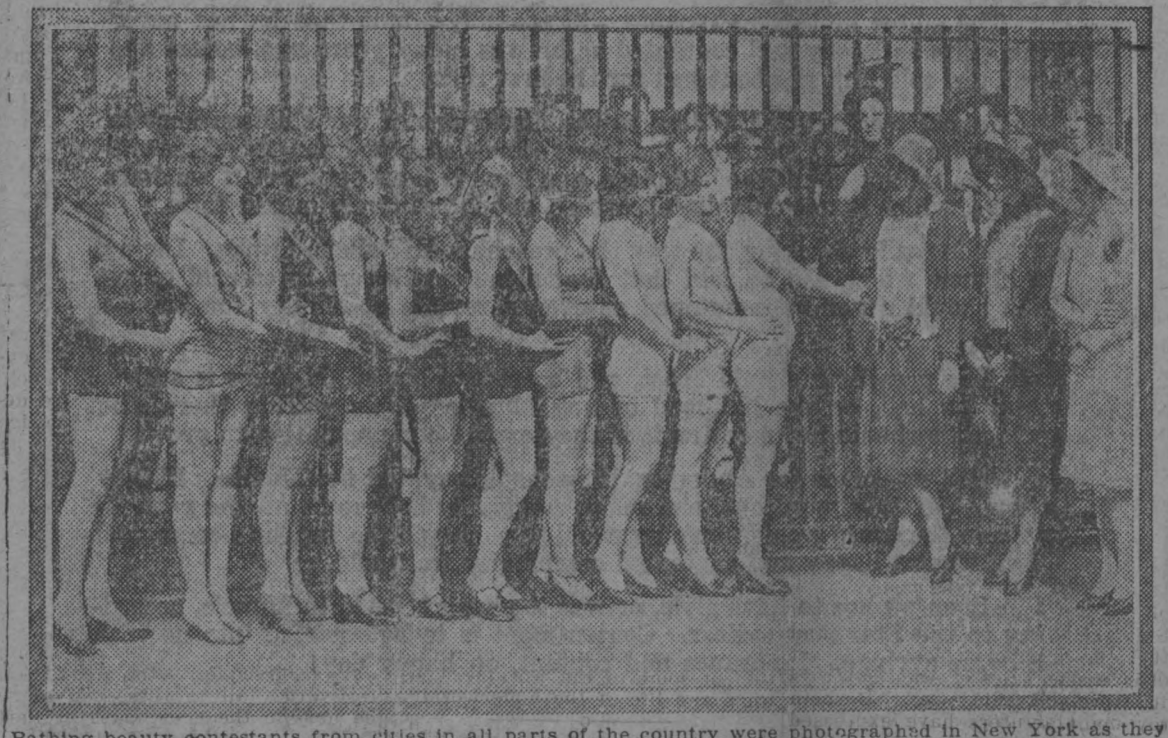
Another farmer started into the sheep business five or six years ago by buying old ewes but through interest in the club work and advice so obtained, has developed a worthwhile flock for the protection of market lambs.

At first, Harold Turner used grade bucks, but in desiring to increase the average wool clip and the size and quality of the lambs, upon recommendation of Claude Harper of Purdue University, he secured a good purebred Rambouillet to use with native grade ewes, to increase the marketability of the lambs. Out of the first bunch of lambs he selected twenty of the best ewes, keeping them separate so they would not breed as yearlings sheered over 10 pounds average and are better in both size and quality than their native dams.

Farmer Loses \$1,000 In Bills

Decatur Ind., Sept. 8.—O. C. Ewell prominent farmer residing near Ossian, lost \$1,000 in \$20 bills yesterday morning, somewhere between this city and his home. Mr. Ewell came to Decatur yesterday morning and drew the \$20 bills out of a local bank. He went to the office of a Decatur attorney to whom he was to give the money, but the attorney was not in his office. Mr. Ewell decided to go back home. When he reached home, he felt in his pocket envelope in which he had placed the money in his pocket was missing. Mr. Ewell stated that he will pay a liberal reward for the return of the money.

BATHING BEAUTIES FROM ALL OVER U. S. STOP FOR VISIT IN NEW YORK BEFORE GOING TO ATLANTIC CITY CONTEST



Bathing beauty contestants from cities in all parts of the country were photographed in New York as they were being greeted by Miss Manhattan. They were en route to Atlantic City to take part in the annual contest which results in the selection of Miss America. In the group are girls from Charleston, Denver and Spokane.

MISS WATRISS ENGAGED TO SIR HENRY THORNTON. R. H. MAN, TORONTO BEARS



Miss Martha Watriss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Watriss of New York, is engaged to Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railway, according to reports from Toronto, Canada. Sir Henry was recently divorced from his first wife, Miss Watriss, who is 25 years old, is shown above in a fancy ball gown.

ORDER TRANSFER OF KEY WITNESS IN HALL INQUIRY

Military Authorities Will Send Prisoner to New York.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 8.—Henry L. Dickman, now a prisoner in the army disciplinary barracks on Alcatraz island, but formerly a state trooper in New Jersey, and looked upon as a key witness in the Hall-Mills murder mystery, has been ordered transferred to Fort Jay, N. Y.

Although it was not said at the disciplinary barracks that he was being transferred in order that he might be easily questioned by New Jersey authorities, his removal to the East will make such possible. The prisoner will be placed aboard the United States transport St. Michael, which leaves here Sept. 11.

Triad for Desertion. Dickman, who also is known as Dickman, was sentenced to a year in the army prison for desertion. The former state trooper was one of the several assigned to investigate the slaying of the Rev. Edward Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills, a choir singer in the pastor's church at New Brunswick, N. J., four years ago. He disappeared in the midst of his inquiry, leaving two weeks' pay uncalled for.

When the case was reopened recently Dickman was quoted in a purported interview, which later was denied, as having said that he accepted money to "get out and shut up."

FORESEES WINNIPEG AS CANADIAN CHICAGO

Winnipeg, Man.—A. G. Sorlie, governor of the state of North Dakota, declared here recently that Winnipeg, in the near future, will be to the rest of Canada what Chicago is to the United States. He said that the city is looking ahead, building with an eye to the future, and that, with the completion of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence waterway projects, it will progress beyond all recognition. This growth and development, he added, will reawaken an interest in the waterways as a means of transportation and the excessive cost of long rail hauls will thus be eliminated.

Narcissus bulbs grown in the United States cannot be shipped from one state to another unless they have been inspected by a found free of bulb flies and eel worm pests.

KIDNAPERS OF SPANISH KING FOILED IN PLOT

Troops Suppress Revolt To Force Sovereign To Abdicate Throne.

London, Sept. 7.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Hendaye, Franco-Spanish frontier, asserts that a plot to seize King Alfonso and force him to sign an agreement of abdication, was frustrated only by the prompt suppression of the military revolt and the King's departure from San Sebastian for Madrid.

The plotters, who were Spanish Republicans residing at St. Jean de Luz and other frontier towns, according to the Mail correspondent, were only awaiting news that fighting had begun between the rival military elements to cross the frontier in swift motor cars, and make a raid on San Sebastian.

They apparently hoped to find the police and loyal troops so busily occupied that they would be able to reach the palace and seize the King.

Two Soldiers Are Killed. Madrid, Sept. 7.—The revolt of the artillery branch of the Spanish army has been suppressed, Gen. Primo de Rivera, the Spanish premier, informed the Associated Press correspondent, today.

"I am happy to say the conflict has been settled," he said, "but am sorry to inform you the suppression of the mutiny of the military regiment in Pamplona cost the life of a lieutenant and a private and the wounding of a lieutenant and a soldier when that regiment refused to obey orders to surrender to military forces dispatched by the government. I don't know of any other disorders."

"I am in possession of information from all parts of the country declaring the rebellion has been suppressed and no other branch of the army, active or reserve, has lent support to the mutineers."

Denver, Col., Sept. 7.—A charge that the engineer of the "Scenic Limited," Denver and Rio Grande Western passenger train which crashed into the Arkansas river near Granite, Colo., yesterday carrying twenty-three persons to death and injuring fifty, declared before he died that the train was running too fast, was made here today by M. Bruenski, a survivor of the wreck.

SEVERAL DIE AND MANY ARE INJURED

Chicago, Sept. 7.—Several persons were reported killed Sunday night when a Chicago & Northwestern passenger train from Madison Wis., plowed into another Chicago & Northwestern train from Burlington, Ill., which was discharging passengers at the Cortland street suburban station. Both trains were made up of wooden coaches, and four or five of those of the train struck were said to have been telescoped.

The wreckage immediately caught fire. Firemen said that two dead persons were removed from the debris, and that they could see eight or ten bodies under the wreckage and believed that some of them were dead.

Tried To Flag Train. The Barrington train was ten minutes late and carried many passengers from the Pullman (Ill.) fair, George Ellett, brakeman on fair, George Ellett, brakeman on the train struck, said he was back and tried to flag the Madison train, but that it flashed past him.

It was estimated that 150 persons were injured. Virtually all of those believed to have been killed were the majority of those injured were in the last two coaches, which were telescoped.

Patrol wagons, ambulances, pulmotor squads and fire apparatus swarmed to the scene of the accident.

The first body recovered was that of a little girl. Rescue workers used torchlights to enable them to investigate the wreckage.

Dead 'Sheik' Ends Long Trip West

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 7.—Rudolf Valentino, the screen's foremost lover, returned yesterday, in death, to the land where he rose from virtual obscurity to unbounded fame.

The body of the actor reached the end of his journey from New York just before 3 p. m. Friends and picture comrades, fearing a repetition of disorderly scenes which occurred in the East, had the body removed from the train at Richfield station, a suburban point, and taken directly to an undertaking parlor here.

County Fair At Winchester Soon

Preparations for the Randolph County Fair which will be held at Winchester from September 27th to October 2nd, are going ahead at a rapid rate and from all indications the week is to be a big success from every standpoint. Barlow's Big Shows will be a big feature of the fair as well as the many exhibits. The fair will be open day and night and is the first county fair to be held at Winchester for some time.

Whistle On Street! Bang! You're Jailed

Vienna.—Under modifications in the municipal laws of Vienna, persons who talk, whistle or sing too loudly in the streets may be fined 30 cents. For repeated offenses jail terms are provided.

If a person is detected reading a newspaper or book while walking along the street, thereby "impeding pedestrian traffic," he may be subjected to a similar fine. Stopping a friend in the middle of a roadway, carrying packages unseemly language are among other punishable offenses.

PROPOSES RELIEF PLAN RELYING ON FARM INITIATIVE

American Farm Congress Chief Submits Suggestion to Pres. Coolidge.

Paul Smiths, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Additional evidence that President Coolidge was considering the agricultural question and might make some move in the short session of Congress to strengthen the co-operative marketing movement, was seen yesterday when W. L. Drummond of Kansas City, chairman of the American Farm Congress announced during a visit to the summer White House that his organization had submitted a bill to Mr. Coolidge and fifty congressmen.

Described as somewhat similar to the measure introduced in the closing days of the last session by Senator Fess, (Republican, Ohio), but defeated notwithstanding the endorsement of Mr. Coolidge, the measure would provide government financial aid to co-operate in a way that it was said would leave the initiative and management to the farmers.

President Eager to Aid. While the views of the President toward the proposal were not revealed, Mr. Drummond, who represents an organization described as nonpartisan, concerned only with research and educational farm problems and the second oldest agricultural organization in the country, declared that any complaints that Mr. Coolidge does not understand the farm problem or does not intend to do all he can to help, are unfair.

WETS VICTORS IN MAINE ELECTION

LaFollette Machine Is Beaten In Wisconsin, According To Returns.

Madison, Wis., Sept. 8.—Riding on the crest of Wisconsin's flood tide of anti-prohibition sentiment, Governor John J. Blaine, "wet" and anti-wet, swept senatorial candidates apparently was being swept to victory today.

Returns from yesterday's primary, compiled up to 10 o'clock today, gave Blaine a lead of almost 15,000 over Senator Irvine L. Lenroot, who made his campaign in the gubernatorial contests, Fred R. Zimmerman, who broke with the LaFollette faction, wanes adherence to the court and rigid enforcement of prohibition, leading his nearest rival in a field of four candidates by approximately 15,000 votes.

LaFollette Machine Beaten. Madison, Wis., Sept. 8.—The LaFollette boys—Senator Boh and Phil—learned today that their inherited political machine is vulnerable.

It evidently cracked before their eyes during its principal task on Tuesday. That task was to nominate Attorney General Herman L. Ekern to be republican candidate for governor. Instead, Secretary of State Fred Zimmerman, romped into an early and growing lead for the nomination by riding directly over the LaFollette machine.

Williams Opens State Road 22

Indianapolis, Sept. 9.—State road No. 22, between Indianapolis and Bloomington, offering one of the most beautiful scenic routes to the southern part of Indiana, was officially opened to traffic yesterday. This action was taken by John D. Williams, director of the state highway commission, upon receipt of a telephone message from the superintendent in charge of the road that the highway is in excellent condition.

RICH MAN'S CHILDREN JOIN SALVATION ARMY

New York.—Turning their backs on a prosperous business already built up and awaiting them, Lyell Rader, Jr. 24 years old, and his sister, Frances, 17 years old, have joined the Salvation Army and will make it their life work. They are the children of Lyell Rader, industrial chemist, of Maywood, N. J. They have been trained by their father to take over his work. Both brother and sister said they had decided on the meagerly paid career which the Salvation Army offered because the life that had been laid out for them was "too easy," because of their father's wealth.

SPAIN, CHAFING AT HER LEAGUE STATUS, RESIGNS

Council Reaches Decision—Vexed With Place Given "Mother of 20 Countries."

Hendaye, France, Sept. 8.—Spain's resignation from the League of Nations was agreed upon at the Cabinet council held in Madrid yesterday. King Alfonso presided. A communication will be dispatched to Geneva, announcing that Spain resigned from the league. The note was written and edited by Gen. Primo de Rivera himself in Collaboration with Foreign Minister Yanguas.

It reproaches the league for lack of consideration shown to Spain—her prestige, traditions and importance as the mother country of twenty nations who speak the same language.

Regret is expressed that such a step had to be taken, but it is asserted that the sacrifices imposed by the league do not compensate Spain for what has taken place in the league assembly.

Germany To Get Seat Today. Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 8.—Germany will be elected a member of the League of Nations today, according to the perfected plans of the league leaders yesterday, and by this evening German statesmen will be speeding on to Geneva assured that at last their application for membership runs no risk of encountering the disaster which marked the March assembly.

Germany will take her seat as a permanent member of the council of the league immediately at the forthcoming stages of the Assembly.

The steering committee of the league likewise has decided that the Assembly will be asked today to increase the non-permanent members of the Council from six to nine simultaneously with Germany's admission. The committee agrees, however, that the other details of the council reorganization scheme will not be regulated finally until Germany is officially present and able to express her will.

Klansmen Asked To Give Up State Jobs

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 8.—Dan Moody, attorney general and Democratic nominee for governor, who was charged by Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson with having had the support of the Klan in his campaign, let it be known yesterday that he wants all klansmen now holding state offices to resign.

Moody told his friends that he wanted the Democratic state convention, meeting here yesterday, to adopt a plank calling for resignation of all office holders who are members of secret societies that tend to breed "hate, prejudices and religious jealousy."

\$1,363,155,266.91 IN MONEY IS DESTROYED

New York.—Redemption and destruction of paper currency in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, showed an increase over the preceding year. It was announced by the Treasury Department.

In the fiscal year just ended the redeeming machines at the treasury and at the bureau and engraving and printing destroyed 501,509,082 pieces of currency, with a total face value of \$1,363,155,266.91, as compared with 571,309,032 pieces, with a face value of \$1,193,548,568 in the fiscal year. The destruction of paper currency increased in 1925.

Valentino Death Cost \$425,000

New York, Sept. 9.—The death of Rudolph Valentino cost insurance companies \$425,000.

Although he was one of the screen's highest paid actors, Valentino's own policy was for \$50,000. Two companies that employed him carried \$375,000.

The United Artists corporation carried \$250,000 insurance written by the Missouri State Life company. This was paid in Los Angeles, Tuesday.

The Motion Picture Capital corporation, which financed some of Rudy's pictures, carried \$125,000 which also has been paid.

DOGS WILL BENEFIT MOST UNDER NEW WABASH ORDINANCE

Wabash, Sept. 9.—Wabash yesterday had a dog ordinance, after many repeated attempts to get one. However, the dogs benefit under it more than residents because now the city has to keep the dogs impounded for at least three days, feeding and caring for them, before they can be killed. Previously the dogs found running at large could be killed as soon as picked up.

This change came about when the council struck out the provision of the ordinance providing for a fine of from one to five dollars against owners of dogs if dogs were allowed to run at large. As the ordinance now stands owners are entirely freed of responsibility and it is all placed on the dogs.

The ordinance provides that dogs shall not be permitted to run at large and if picked up and cared for by the city, the owner must pay 25 cents for each day the dog is kept.

G. O. P. PAPER BACKS STAND OF THE DEMOCRATS

Condemns Jackson's Diversion of State Funds To Pay State Debt.

Rushville, Ind., Sept. 9.—The Rushville Republican, only Republican newspaper in the home town of Senator James E. Watson, in a recent editorial completely endorses and backs up the Democratic party's position in condemning the Jackson administration's diversion of \$3,700,000 in special state funds to make possible the payment of the state debt.

This specially sharp attack by the only Republican paper in the financial management of the Jackson administration is considered here to be particularly significant. Referring to an address by Democratic State Chairman R. Earl Peters recently, in which Mr. Peters charged that the "state debt had been paid by the mere clerical act of transferring more than \$3,700,000 from special funds to the general fund," the Republican continues:

"This is not news to people who have paid any attention to state affairs. It has been charged previously by friends of the highway commission that the commission was being hampered through the manipulation of funds in order to pay off the state debt. The highway commission does not derive its revenue from property taxes, but from the sale of automobile licenses and gasoline tax, which is paid by the consumer and not by the general public.

"Now comes the Hoosier State Automobile Association, a purely non-partisan organization supported by and devoted to the interests of automobile owners, with a complaint that backs up the democratic state chairman.

"It is poor grace indeed, says a statement from the auto association, 'for the state of Indiana to take from the motorist public its own fund of \$490,000 paid in by its own motorists for their own protection.' Mr. Peters charged the sum taken from the auto theft fund amounted to \$491,710.72.

"The association rightfully makes further complaint that the work of the state motor vehicle department is being hampered for the want of funds. If it was the intention of the certification of title law to create funds for the protection of motorists, certainly the motorists are entitled to all the protection they pay for."

WORKMEN WARNED BY JAMES J. DAVIS

Former Tinplate Worker of Elwood Heard By Many At State Fair.

Indianapolis, Sept. 7.—Pointing out that no other worker in the world is as independent as the American laborer, James J. Davis, secretary of labor, in an address at the annual Labor Day meeting at the state fair grounds here yesterday warned the American workman against the activities of communists.

Several thousand men and women from the ranks of labor, including the state delegation, gathered to hear Mr. Davis, who once was a tinplate worker at Elwood.

Have Contributed Nothing. "Communists have contributed nothing to the wealth of nations," the secretary said. "They are not the sort of men who have built up America. It was not such as they that subverted the wilderness, built towns and cities, cultivated farms, invented machines, applied science to industry or directed labor intelligently. The kind of work that leads to wealth was never in their line. I will defy any one to cite a single instance in the history of the world where a communist agitator ever pointed out a practical method to increase the wealth of the world or his nation."

Reed Not To Run for Re-Election

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 7.—United States Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, announced here yesterday that he would not be a candidate for re-election two years hence, but declined to comment on the movement started by several Democratic county committees of Missouri to make him a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1928.

The senior Missouri senator who has served eighteen years in the Senate, dismissed the presidential talk with a terse "I did not start it."

PARTY AT ROME CITY RAIDED BY SHERIFF

Fort Wayne, Ind., Sept. 9.—Fifteen Fort Wayne youths, most of whom gave fictitious names, were assessed fines and costs totaling \$1.50 each for intoxication in the court of Justice McCarthy, at Brimfield, near Rome City, as the result of a raid on a resort cottage at Rome City, Monday.

The lake cottage was rented one week ago by eight Fort Wayne girls and a wild party was staged there Labor day, according to reports. Nearly cottages protested and a raid followed. The girls were of undue sizes and using bad or not held.

This Judge Knows Where Blame Lies

WAPAKONETA, O.—No dance halls in Auglaize county will be closed by Judge John R. Coffin, in spite of the fact that more than 1,300 voters of the county signed petitions asking for the closing of the Gordon State Park pavilion on Sunday, charging the dance hall was not in keeping with Sabbath observance and tended to lower the morals of the youth.

Judge Coffin issued his decision in regard to the closing of the dance halls after making a survey of the petitions by use of a questionnaire he said. He also communicated with other judges in the state in regard to the question.

Judge Coffin places the blame for the lowering of the morals—if they be lower—not on the dance halls, but on laxity of parental discipline in homes. He based his opinion upon facts gleaned from answers given by judges in charge of juvenile work and those who signed the questionnaires.

RED HAIR GIRL KILLED BY HOTEL MAN IN KENTUCKY

Couple Quarreled Over Stone In Ring; Man Commits Suicide In Room.

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 4.—A quarrel over the size of the stone in a diamond ring led to the slaying of a pretty red-haired telephone operator yesterday by her seventy-year-old suitor, who later committed suicide.

Kelly C. Kirtley, wealthy restaurant and hotel man of Charleston, W. Va., fired a bullet into the brain of Miss Mildred McDaniels, 26, of Brooklyn, N. Y., while she slept in a hotel here Friday morning and then entered the bathroom and shot himself twice, dying before help could be summoned by Miss Alma Gregory also of Brooklyn, who had accompanied the couple to Lexington, Wednesday.

For months, Miss Gregory said, Kirtley had been lavish in his gifts to Miss McDaniels. Thursday night the two had a quarrel over the size of the stone in a diamond ring.

MOVIE GUNMAN IN DIVORCE ACTION

Bill Hart's Wife and Son Go To Divorce Colony; Were Married In 1921.

Los Angeles, Sept. 7.—The Examiner says Winifred Westover Hart, estranged wife of William S. Hart, gunman of the movies, has joined the Reno divorce colony. Friends of Mrs. Hart are quoted as having stated she will remain in Reno until she obtains a decree. She is accompanied by her mother and young son, William S. Hart, Jr.

Winifred Westover and the actor were married late in 1921, but a rift soon appeared in their married life. The birth of a son failed to reconcile the pair and the actor and his wife separated.

An agreement was drawn up in which Hart created two trust funds one for his wife and the other for his boy. Mrs. Hart was to get the income from \$103,000 and William Jr., the income from \$100,000. A proviso in the agreement enjoined Mrs. Hart from entering the films. A clause in the trust agreement specified that in the event Mrs. Hart should obtain a divorce the \$103,000 held in trust would be turned over to her in cash providing she had lived up to her agreement.

A Good Remedy for Crossing Accidents

Prevention of grade crossing accidents is so easy and simple that there is no excuse for such accidents. All that is necessary is to look in both directions to see whether a train is approaching. If a train is approaching, stop and let it go by.

When there is more than one track, wait until a train has passed and make sure that another train is not approaching on one of the other tracks.

Where a crossing does not afford good vision because of view being obstructed by buildings, trees, curves or embankments, stop, look and listen before crossing. When signals are in action, crossing gates lowered or flagman is at crossing, train is approaching and driver should stop and let it pass.

These are reasonable regulations. If observed they will prevent grade crossing accidents, just as effectively as grade changes. When not observed, the driver's license should be cancelled. In other words, by such regulations, crossing accidents can be averted without loading up municipalities with taxes for grade changes.

THE SHOE POLISH AGE

Indianapolis police are wondering what "soakers" will use next for intoxicants. Canned heat was bad enough, they say, but one drunk arrested by Plainclothes Officers Merchant and Clark, capped the climax when he admitted he had been eating brown paste shoe polish and had become intoxicated.

JUDGE COFFIN REFUSES TO STOP SUNDAY DANCING

Issues Statement On Petition Asking That It Be Stopped at Gordon Park.

St. Marys, O., Sept. 9.—Probate Judge, John R. Coffin, has refused to close Gordon State Park dancing pavilion, near this city, on Sundays, as he was petitioned to do by some thirteen hundred citizens of Auglaize county, who declared that Sunday dancing was harmful to the morals of young persons and a desecration of the Sabbath Day.

After making extensive investigation into this subject by questionnaire and counselling with other Juvenile and Probate Judges of Ohio, Judge Coffin has concurred with about eighty percent of the Judiciary of this state that the responsibility for today's juvenile problems rests, primarily on the home and parents.

He supported his ruling in this matter with the following reasons:

1. There is no law on the Statute Books of Ohio prohibiting or making Sunday dancing illegal. The State Legislature recently defeated an amendment specifically prohibiting Sunday dancing. No member of the Judicial branch of the Government is permitted to read into law a clause which the Legislative branch has by its majority vote refused to pass.

2. Personal opinion, even though based on a religious conviction, cannot be enforced as law. 3. Sabbath observance is primarily a question that must be settled by the individual. Home and church training are the basis upon which opinions are formed of how best to observe the Sabbath. The passing of laws and making of ruling on this subject has no material influence towards creating the proper attitude in the minds and lives of young boys and girls.

4. Sunday dancing is permitted in a number of places within an hours drive from any part of the county, and to close the pavilion at home would drive the boys and girls elsewhere. The automobile makes this possible. Keep the youth in their own community where their activities can be supervised.

YOU CAN QUALIFY NOW TO VOTE AT ELECTION NOV. 2

Registration Started Today and Will Last Until October 4th.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 4.—Registration for the election on November 2 began in all parts of the state today.

Today is the first day of a thirty-day period, ending on October 4, in which voters not already registered must register in order to take part in the election this fall.

Four classes of persons must register in order to be eligible to vote, under an agreement being worked out between the Democratic and Republican parties to accept as valid the amendments to the registration law passed by the last legislature. These are: Persons not 21 years of age at the election in November, 1924, who are now or will be on November 2, this year be 21; persons who did not vote at the general election in 1924; persons who voted then but have since moved out of the precinct where they voted, and persons whose precinct boundaries have been changed since the 1924 election.

BREAD AND WATER DIET SENTENCE

Nebraska Courts Revive Punishment of Dark Ages for Liquor Violations.

Tekamah, Neb., Sept. 9.—Sentenced to serve the first and last twenty days of their sixty-day jail sentences on a bread and water diet because they violated the prohibition law, Roy Carson, 35 years old, and Thomas Nelson, 50 years old, farmers, arrived at the Burr county jail, Tuesday night. Carson weighs 120 pounds and Nelson 150. Each declares he is a heavy eater and can not stand the bread and water sentence, recently affirmed by the state Supreme court, to which they appeal.

A physical examination by Dr. Isaiah Lukens resulted in a declaration by him that neither man was fit to stand the sentence. "The bread and water diet is not only cruel but murderous, because it damages the vital organs," he asserted.

Sheriff Smith said three similar examinations had been made under the same sentence, but that two men were excused because of physical disabilities. Such sentences, he maintained, were necessary to rid the country of liquor law violators.

Mark Rhoads, head of the state automobile license division, estimated, Friday, that 650,000 license plates for automobiles in Indiana would be needed during 1927, and 110,000 for trucks.

Boys Saw World Costing Them \$65

Logansport, Ind., Sept. 9.—Franklin Hillis and Robert Elliott, students at Indiana University, have returned to their homes here following a 11,000-mile trip which cost them only \$65 each. The trip included a 9,000-mile cruise of the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, during which they worked as common seamen on the freighter, Liberty Land.

Most of the money spent on the trip was for souvenirs, chief among which was a baby baboon obtained at a port in Algeria. They have made arrangements with the shipping company for a trip in 1927 that will take them to South American ports.

JUDGE MAKES A THREAT TO JAIL THREE PASTORS

Wayne Co. Jurist Irritated Over Criticism of Liquor Cases.

Richmond, Ind., Sept. 9.—A showdown loomed last night as imminent between the Centerville law enforcement league and Wayne County officers, when Judge J. H. Hoelscher of the Wayne County Circuit Court, struck back at insinuations of three Centerville ministers involving the administration of his court with the declaration that misrepresentation of facts would result in filing of contempt charges against the preachers.

The Rev. L. F. Ulmer, pastor of the Christian Church in Centerville, Sunday, declared in a sermon that the state law of 1925 governing liquor cases says nothing about suspended sentences. This claim, Judge Hoelscher asserts, is misrepresentation of the law and quotes sections to show that the court is permitted to use his discretion, except in the case of frequent offenders.

Officers Arrest Editor. The controversy broke out a week ago when the Law Enforcement League hired detectives to get evidence of alleged bootlegging in the village of Centerville. As a result, Robert S. Peele, publisher of The Old Trails Echo, was arrested in a raid by federal officers from Indianapolis, who claimed they found 192 pint bottles of home-brew beer in his home.

"If persons are going to misrepresent or give false or grossly inaccurate reports of what transpires in this court, I will have them brought before the court and punish them by imprisonment for contempt," Judge Hoelscher said last night. "I have no objection to anyone stating the facts. I do not fear the truth."

Editorial in Newspaper. Peele, who was called before a federal judge about September 15, published a front page editorial in The Old Trails Echo in which he declared that the league had employed drunk detectives to get evidence against him, and asserted that the people of Centerville who want liquor will continue to get it despite the league. Peele's editorial, widely read in the county, said the ministers who were attacking him had never endeavored to "save his soul" by a kind word or an invitation to attend church.

It was said that a meeting between county officials and the Centerville enforcement league might be held this week in an effort to adjust the row.

Robert Peale, director of the Centerville sewer, is a son of Attorney Tod Whipple, of Portland.

Shower of Small Toads Is Reported

Greenville, O., Sept. 9.—A report came to Greenville, Monday, of a shower of small toads in the vicinity northeast of Dawn, Darke Co. After the heavy rain, Sunday evening, which occurred about 8:30 o'clock, automobilists who traveled on the country highway and residents in the vicinity, report that hundreds of small live toads were found in the highway and the fields nearby.

It is said that these toads came from the heavens with the heavy rainfall. Hundreds of toads were killed by passing automobiles. Showers of fishes have been reported in this locality several times but this is the first time that a shower of small toads has come to public notice.

BAVARIAN TOY INDUSTRY IS HAVING SLACK YEAR

Washington.—The Bavarian toy industry is poorly occupied, according to reports from Nuremberg, Germany, states to the Department of Commerce from Assistant Attache Douglas S. Miller at Berlin. A number of plants are working on part time, although this should be the height of the export season, whereas prices are showing a tendency to fall.

Foreign markets everywhere are becoming increasingly competitive through the growing importance of the toy industry in the United States and other countries, and there is said to be some prospect of increased sales of American toys in Germany this year. German toy manufacturers have expressed their dissatisfaction with the results achieved up to this time in the negotiations of commercial treaties.

FROSH WEEK FOR I. U. COEDS OPENS AT BLOOMINGTON

New Students Attend Mass Meeting—Program to Close Monday.

Bloomington, Ind., Sept. 9.—The program for Freshman week at Indiana university, which is compulsory for all beginning coeds, opened yesterday and will close Monday.

The week's program will consist of required mass meetings, physical examinations, psychology tests, registration and payment of fees, campus tours, examinations in English, special church services, Panhellenic rush and optional convocation.

Prof. Lillian Gay Berry of the Latin department, and Prof. Paul V. McNutt, dean of the I. U. law school, will be the principal speakers at an optional convocation Friday. Prof. Berry will speak on "Campus Traditions" and Prof. McNutt on "How to Study."

Panhellenic rush will begin today and end Saturday. Three required mass meetings are on the freshman schedule.

At the required mass meeting yesterday morning, Prof. Juliette Maxwell spoke. Dean Agnes E. Wells presided yesterday afternoon while talks were made by Miss Katherine Wasmuth, Huntington, president of the Women's Self-Government association; Wanda Miller, Evansville, president of the Women's Athletic association; Alice Bierman, Bloomington, president of the Young Women's Christian association, and Miss Walters. Prof. Maxwell will speak at the required mass meeting Saturday morning.

Dr. William Lowe Bryan, president of the university, will speak to the new women students at special vesper services Sunday afternoon.

ALLEGES DEAL IN ALIEN PROPERTY COST 7 MILLION

Richard Merton, German Citizen, Says Daugherty and Miller Made Payment.

New York, Sept. 9.—The government struck swiftly yesterday in the trial of Harry M. Daugherty, attorney general in the Harding administration, and Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian.

Richard Merton, the government's chief witness, testified that the Societe Suisse pour Valeurs de Metaux, of which he, a German citizen, was agent, was owned by the Metallgesellschaft and the Metallbank, German companies of which Merton was an officer, at the time Daugherty and Miller paid him approximately \$7,000,000 in lieu of property of the American Metal Company, which had been seized under the enemy trading act.

District Attorney Buckner in his preliminary address outlining the government's case held that the sale was illegal, even without consideration of the graft factor.

The jury hearing the case in Federal court was told of a champagne dinner in the exclusive Ritz Carlton hotel at which were present the principals in the transfer of the \$7,000,000.

Daugherty was charged by Mr. Buckner with having personally destroyed bank records to obliterate the trail of graft which the government contends marked the \$7,000,000 transfer, and out of which it is said, arose one of the biggest post-war graft cases affecting the government.

Divulge Unusual Mellett Angles

Canton, O., Sept. 9.—Several of the more sensational phases of the Mellett murder case were presented to the Canton city service commission which yesterday began hearing the appeal of S. A. Lengel, deposed police chief, who is seeking reinstatement. Fifteen witnesses were put on the stand by counsel for Mayor S. W. Swarts in an effort to show how Lengel is alleged to have blundered in conducting the inquiry into the murder of the publisher, Don R. Mellett, and to have had intimate contact with known law violators.

The testimony included not only evidence intended for use against Lengel's reinstatement, but evidence in the murder case, evidence in the case of Floyd Streitenberger, city detective, suspended yesterday for alleged association with "known law violators," and revelation of some of the workings, customs and life of the underworld.

The Indiana university faculty at Bloomington, Indiana, will consist of 212 people, which includes 25 new members of the teaching staff.

Lured Her Husband To Be Murdered

Gary, Ind., Sept. 9.—Confessed accomplice in the murder of her husband, Mrs. Virgie Mullins took the stand in Criminal Court in Crown Point yesterday afternoon as chief witness against her confessed lover, William Donaldson, facing a death sentence for the murder of Joe Mullins, steel worker, here last April.

Admitting three previous attempts to kill her husband, the widow told in detail how she and Donaldson had plotted the murder and how she had led her husband through East Side Park here in order that Donaldson might shoot him.

DELAWARE KLAN CASE CARRIED TO HIGHER COURT

New Trial Refused By Judge Wheat and Appeal Taken.

The Klan suit, brought here from Delaware county, entitled the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, et al., vs. the Independent Klan of America et al., will be carried to the Appellate court. A motion made by the plaintiffs for a new trial has been overruled by Judge R. D. Wheat, and an appeal to the higher court granted. An appeal bond in the sum of \$200 was fixed, and thirty days allowed in which to file the bond and bill of exceptions.

This suit is the outgrowth of a split in Delaware Klan No. 4, at Muncie. When a large number of members of the old Klan seceded because of the dictatorship of the high officials in the Klan, it was alleged that they took a sum of money and certain property belonging to the old Klan.

A hearing held in the circuit court here this spring, disclosed a lurid tale of graft, whereby members in the Klan were soaked for about everything that could be sold, robes and paraphernalia, jewelry, booklets, etc., being sold at exorbitant prices, the money being divided among officials in the state and national organizations, while the common or garden variety of Klansmen paid the bill and took the blame for everything that went wrong.

MANY ATHLETES WILL COMPETE IN BIG PENNSY MEET

Railroad Employees Will Have Big Time At Indianapolis September 11th.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 9.—Athletes of the Western Region of the Pennsylvania Railroad, numbering more than 400, will participate in the annual athletic championships to be held here on September 11.

Final arrangements are being completed to entertain the biggest crowd of Pennsylvania Railroad sport fans and athletes that ever attended an event of this kind. The Pennsylvania's Western Region includes the states of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky and thousands of employees and their families from these states are planning to be on hand for the biggest event of the year in Pennsylvania Railroad athletics.

Track and field events will be important features of the big program and will be staged at the Pennsylvania Railroad's athletic field here. Special trains and extra cars on regular trains will carry the entrants and their supporters directly to the scene of the big event.

A baseball game between the Pitsburg, Pa., team, champion club of the Central Region of the railroad, and the Columbus, O., nine, champion of the Western Region will be another feature.

Golf, tennis, basketball, quoits, trap and rifle shooting and swimming, will be other features on the big sport card which will begin at 3 a. m. and continue until evening. Many other entertainment features have been arranged to delight the thousands of Pennsy folk. More than one-half dozen bands will be on hand, clowns will perform and there will be numerous other events of interest, which will make the day a gala affair for Pennsylvania Railroad people.

SUSPECT DECLARES HE IS HOOSIER CONVICT

Middletown, O., Sept. 9.—After admitting he was an escaped convict, from the state prison at Jackson, Mich., Rodney Wolff told detectives here Tuesday that police of Indianapolis were seeking him for an attack on a 12-year-old girl and for burglaries. Wolff says he lives on High street, Indianapolis. He was arrested on an automobile theft charge. Wolff also says he was in the Indiana state prison at Michigan City, Ind.

Practically all arrangements have been made for the annual better yards fall flowers festival to be held in the courthouse at Fort Wayne, September 14 to 17. Thousands of displays, representing every kind of fall flowers are expected to be on display.

Couple Held Up and Robbed by Young Gunman Who Returns Loot When Girl Gives Him Kiss



Miss Elinore Sweet and John Martin were startled while taking an evening stroll in a New York park when a pistol was leveled at them by a youthful gunman. The young hold-up-man's courage lasted until he had taken 50 cents and a watch from Martin and \$4 and a bracelet from Miss Sweet. Then his embarrassment overcame him and he handed the girl's belongings back. "I ain't got the nerve," he said, "but you gotta give me a kiss." The bashful hold-up man timidly kissed her and fled. James Murray, a 16-year-old messenger, was arrested later as the result of a description given to the police by Miss Sweet.

Large Sum Lost By Farmer, Found

Decatur, Ind., Sept. 9.—O. E. Ewell, farmer residing near Osan who lost \$1,000 in \$20 bills Tuesday, was all smiles again late Tuesday afternoon, after finding the money, still in the large envelope, where it had fallen from

his pocket. On his way home from this city Tuesday morning, after drawing the money from a local bank, Mr. Ewell stopped at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wefel, and one-half miles northwest of Preble for dinner. The envelope and money, which Mr. Ewell had placed in his pocket, fell from his pocket when he alighted from his automobile to open the barnyard gate at the Wefel home.

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HOW THE BOARD OF WORKS LETS CONTRACTS TO HIGHEST BIDDERS FAVORED BY MACHINE

The board of works is still at its old trick of letting contracts to the highest bidder.

Tuesday morning several contracts for city work were let. Resolution No. 203 was for a sidewalk and curb and gutter. William Torrence bid 90 cents each on the sidewalk and curb. Muncie Construction company bid 90 cents for sidewalk and 91 cents for curb. Hawkins & Beall bid 91 1/2 cents for sidewalk and 91 3/10 cents for curb.

Torrence was the low bidder but the contract went to the Muncie Construction company.

Resolution No. 204 was for the improvement of an alley. This went to the low bidder, but the low bidder in that instance happened to be J. E. Bell, one of the "administration" contractors.

It is only when one of the favorites of the machine happen to bid low that the board of works pays any attention to low bidders.

Resolution No. 205 was also for an alley. Torrence bid \$2.35, the Muncie Construction company bid \$2.48, and John E. Bell's bid was \$2.44. Bell was awarded the contract although his bid was nine cents higher per foot than that of the low bidder, Mr. Torrence.

Resolution 206, also an alley contract, went to Bell, whose bid of \$2.43 was exactly the same as that of Torrence. All ties are also resolved in favor of the administration contractors.

Torrence did not bid on contracts for curb and gutter called for by Resolutions 201 and 202. The bids on 201 were: Muncie Construction company \$1.06, Hawkins & Beall, \$1.05 3/4. The latter being a quarter of a cent low, got the contract.

The thing was nicely squared though in the letting of the curb and gutter job called for by Resolution No. 202. Hawkins & Beall bid \$1.07 and the Muncie Construction company got the job at \$1.06 1/2, the difference between the bids being only a half cent per lineal foot.

Torrence, not belonging to the combination, was excluded on entirely, although he was low on two jobs and tied on another. The contract on Resolution No. 203 for curb and gutter, with a rank "outsider" bidding, was sold for 90 cents.

With no one bidding on contracts for curb and gutter called for by Resolution 201 and 202 but administration contractors, the contract price was in one instance \$1.05 3/4 per foot, which was 15 3/4 cents higher than Resolution No. 203, and in the other \$1.06 1/2, which was 16 1/2 cents higher than the curb and gutter job called for by Resolution 203.

It may have been by chance that the bids on Resolutions 201 and 202 were only a quarter of a cent apart and that each bidder got one of the jobs, and then again chance may have had nothing to do with it.

The plan in operation in Harry Hoffman's celebrated board of works is to freeze out all independent bidders. The way it is done is by the very coarse method of simply ignoring low bids.

If the board can finally discourage independent bidders to the point that none but administration favorites "compete," the situation will be ideal and prices will soar.

Letting one contract for curb and gutter, with real competition, for 90 cents per foot, and following it with two similar jobs at \$1.06 1/2 and \$1.05 3/4, with no one competing against the "pool" indicates a right to show the taxpayers what they are having done to them.

But what can be expected of a board of works that paid out \$2,600 of the city's money for a worn out, second hand truck?

OLD TAX LEVY

(Continued from Page One.) will present a report exonerating everybody connected with the crooked transaction. Compounding a felony by becoming accessories after the fact will probably not deter them.

The three councilmen named on the committee will jump through the hoop with Billy Williams cracks the whip. Pay Kitzelman will "play ball" of course, "Butch" Fullhart is the only one of the five that might be depended upon to give an honest report in the matter, but one voice against four will be futile.

Fortunately investigations and reports made by city administration tugmen will not alter the situation or change the law or the facts disclosed by public records. The republican party may be a great institution and Cal Coolidge may be the greatest president in history, but under the laws of admissibility of evidence, the performance of Cal and his party will hardly constitute a defense when the truck matter comes up in court.

WORLD CONGRESS

(Continued from Page One.) "The Indiana Supreme Court has held that Dale's plea of justification on the ground of truth was no excuse."

"Dean Williams, in the interview, placed freedom of the press foremost in listing four fundamental problems to be considered at Geneva and Lausanne."

A new giant locomotive recently built can pull loaded train almost two miles in length.

MUCH DAMAGE IS DONE BY STORMS

Crops Are Ruined, Cities and Towns Are Flooded and Traffic Delayed.

Indianapolis, Sept. 10.—A flood menace which may reach the proportions of that in 1913 threatened central Indiana last night. The Wabash and White rivers and their tributaries were bank full three to five inches rain Wednesday night, following an extended period of rainfall last week, resulted in damage, it is estimated, which will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Railroad tracks on several lines, particularly in the eastern and central sections of the state were flooded in numerous places. Railroad and highway bridges have been washed away, lowlands inundated in many places and much corn flattened by high winds.

The chief damage was felt in the vicinity of Terre Haute, where a near cloudburst of 5.16 inches hampered the entire community.

Telephone communication was faulty and accurate reports of damage were coming in slowly, but the loss in that portion of the state alone may reach more than half a million dollars. Should the Wabash river levees, south of Terre Haute, give way, thousands of acres of growing corn would be destroyed.

The river rose 17 feet, or one-half foot above flood stage yesterday. Davis Gardens, the largest greenhouse plant in the world, was rapidly being submerged yesterday afternoon, near Terre Haute.

Martinsville, Ind., was practically marooned yesterday afternoon, as far as railway and interurban traffic was concerned. White river, Whitecreek and Indian creek were out of their banks.

BRIDE CUTS OUT "OBEY" IN RITUAL

Cheek-Willard Wedding At Pawtucket, R. I. Ruled By Woman.

Pawtucket, R. I., Sept. 10.—Miss Dorothy L. Cheek, Mt. Holyoke graduate, and Gordon Cedric Willard, Worcester Polytechnic institute alumnus, were married here Tuesday night with a ritual which had been edited by the bride to conform to her idea of the real significance of marriage.

The word "obey" was omitted from the vow and a paragraph inserted in which the bride expressed her idea of the spiritual character of wedlock.

The paragraph read: "It is the duty of both to delight each in the society of the other; to remember that, in interest and reputation as in affection, they are to be henceforth one and undivided; to preserve an inviolable fidelity, and to see to it that what God has joined thus together, man never puts asunder."

"Will you love, cherish and honor him?" was the question asked of the bride by her family pastor, the Rev. Frank Rector of the First Baptist Church, Pawtucket.

Miss Cheek gave her reason for editing the service, her objection to the "light consideration" toward marriage ceremonies held by youth today and her disagreement with the dogmatic ritual.

Dunkirk Football Team Is Ready

Dunkirk, Ind., Sept. 10.—The Itan-Club football team has organized and will open the season here at Northside Park on September 26. Lloyd Jackson and Arthur Shuck will be in charge. Any teams in the state wishing games should write at once. Members of the eleven will be C. Weaver, center; Whiteneck and Brown, guards; Fidler, Rohlfing and Stewart, tackles; Hatch, G. Ford, W. Friend and Mitchell, ends; McCammon, quarterback; Bishop, Sontag, Stump, halfbacks; S. Friend, full back; Robert Rohlfing, of Ohio State University, will referee the games.

Goodrich Park Rally Sunday

Winchester, Ind., Sept. 10.—The young people's division of the Randolph County Council of Religious Education, with the president, J. Herbert Kinsey, in charge, will hold an all-day rally at Goodrich Park, Sunday, September 12. The program will start at 10 a. m. and close at 4 p. m. ending with a vesper service.

Bartel Hoellerlein, a glass blower in Riesen-Gebirge, Germany, has succeeded in making a violin of glass.

Farmers Arrest \$500,000 Bandits

Chicago, Sept. 10.—Corn belt sleuths, geared to the mud of an autumn rain, yesterday captured three jewel bandits and recovered nearly \$500,000 in gems within twelve hours after the perpetration of a bold train robbery.

PLANNED TO JOIN REBELS' PROJECT

Carlisle, Slain Adventurer, Was Intending To Go to Central America.

Chicago, Sept. 10.—Information that Jackson D. Carlisle, salesman and soldier of fortune slain early Monday with an ax near Kenosha, Wis., planned soon to join another projected insurrection in Central or South America, came Tuesday to police looking for clues to the killing.

Chicago officials questioned Mrs. Zelene Carlisle, his wife, without discovering any flaws in her account of her actions prior to her husband's killing, but held her in technical custody. They sought an unidentified man who played a part in Carlisle's sudden departure from a roadside where he was last seen.

Came From Actor. Carlisle left the roadside angry and partly intoxicated, his wife said, before dawn, Tuesday, after the unidentified man put an arm across Mrs. Carlisle's shoulders as they stood singing around a piano. The sheriff doubted that the man's discovery would add to his information.

The report that Carlisle was preparing for another Southern expedition came from Rube Dalroy, an actor acquaintance, who said Carlisle showed him a letter last week from Tracy Richardson, an adventurer, impugning him to assist in conducting an insurrection against a Central American government.

KIWANIS DAY TO BE HELD SHORTLY

At Sesqui-Centennial Exposition; Eastern Clubs To Arrange for Trip.

Philadelphia, Sept. 10.—Kiwans day will be observed at the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition here on October 1, according to the exposition management and Ralph A. Anhornman, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, president of Kiwanis International, today. "At our convention in Montreal last June the three thousand delegates enthusiastically favored such an occasion," the Kiwanis official reported.

Arrangements for the day's program are now under the direction of a special committee appointed by the Kiwanis president. The facilities of the exposition, the proximity of many clubs to Philadelphia, and the desire of many members to arrange their visit to this exposition, are factors which point to a very successful occasion.

The Alpine Haus on the exposition grounds, which is a reproduction of the mountain places in upper Bavaria, will be the replica to entertain the hundreds of Kiwanians from the United States and Canada at the evening inter-club meeting. Entire club memberships from the east are expected to take part in the ceremonies.

A bulletin has been issued to all the 1,575 Kiwanis clubs on the North American continent asking traveling Kiwanians to arrange their itineraries so that the exposition observance may be attended. International Kiwanis officers will be in attendance.

Hear Albert Stump In Keynote Address

Indianapolis, Sept. 10.—Standing squarely on the issue that a higher tariff and high taxes are the source of agricultural woes, Albert Stump, Democratic candidate for the six-year term in the United States Senate, delivered the keynote address of his campaign against Senator James E. Watson at a statewide meeting of party chiefs here last night.

He did not specifically identify the McNary-Haugen plan backed by Senators Watson and Arthur R. Robinson against the administration views, dismissing it as one of "whatever expedients may be advisable for emergency relief, but he insisted that "the only real legislative relief of a permanent character that Congress can give the farmer is a reduction of tariff rates on these articles that enter into agriculture costs."

Lepers so often suffer from other diseases also that only about 3 per cent of them die from leprosy itself.

Miss Barrett's Courageous 22-Hour Battle To Swim Channel Rewarded by Purse to Pay Debts



This photograph was taken when Miss Clarabelle Barrett, New Rochelle, N. Y., school teacher, arrived in New York. She had tried and failed to swim the English channel but on the return voyage, which she made in the cheap student quarters, passengers on board the liner Leviathan made up a purse of \$2,000 to enable her to repay \$100 she had borrowed from each of 20 friends to defray her expenses. The fund was started by a wireless contribution from London from Will Rogers, whose message read: "Let's show her we not only appreciate winners but good losers." General Pershing presented the purse on behalf of the passengers. Miss Barrett is shown above (at left) with Miss Grace Lelster, her friend and manager.

Shoot Bandits Leaving Bank

Clarksville, Tex., Sept. 10.—Two bank robbers met two Texas rangers yesterday. Both bandits are dead.

The robbers were surprised when they attempted to flee from the Red River National bank here with several thousand dollars in currency. Ranger Captain Tom Hickman, who was outside the bank, called upon the men to drop a suitcase containing the loot. One of the men attempted to draw a pistol, Hickman said. The ranger captain, Ranger Stuart Stanley and Constable Ivy opened fire and the robbers fell mortally wounded.

Couple Commits Suicide In Hotel

Washington, Sept. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Halsey Doyle of Brooklyn, N. Y., were found dead yesterday in the New Willard hotel here, while friends and relatives in distant cities were beseeching the police department to prevent their suicide.

Apparently having deliberately planned to die together because they had no financial means of "going on," the couple chose the hotel, only a block or so from the treasury and White House as a scene for their deaths by poison.

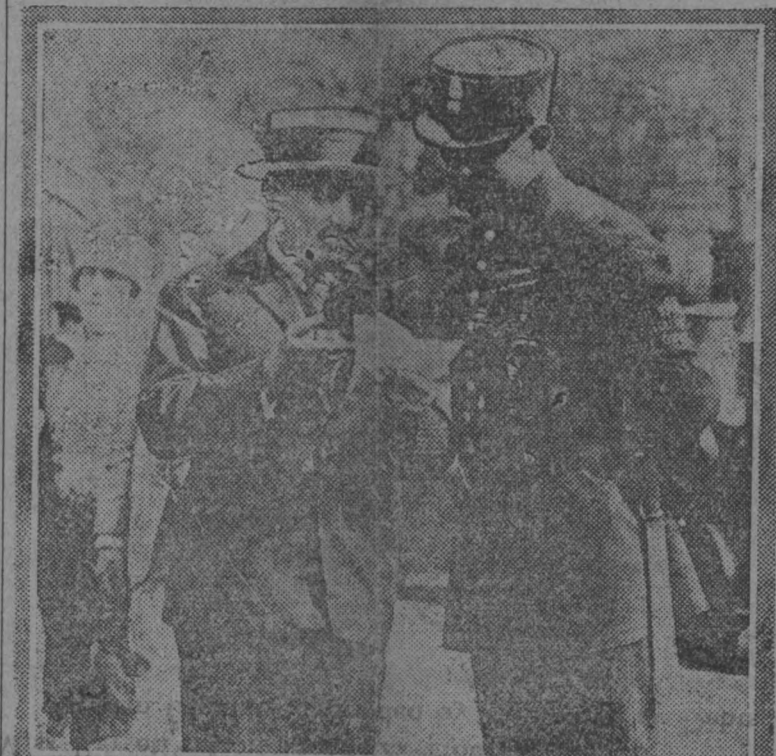
GERMAN PLANS U. S. TRIP TO SAVE TOWN FUNDS

Leipzig, Saxony, Germany, Sept. 10.—Because it is cheaper to send its burgomaster to New York than to hire an American notary in that city, Mayor Rothe has been given six weeks' leave with pay to go there and sign his name 7,000 times in connection with the American \$5,000,000 loan to the Leipzig municipal electric works. The thrifty burgomaster figured it out that it would cost 26,000 marks to have an American notary sign 3,000 \$1,000 bonds and 4,000 \$500 bonds whereas they could send their mayor to New York at much less expense.

WOMAN GETS DRUNK ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 10.—Mrs. Kate Smith who in celebration of her one hundredth birthday went on a drunken spree and was arrested, explained, "I was never drunk before in my life and this is the first time I have ever been in jail." The case was dismissed.

One of French Capital's Policemen-Interpreters Stationed on Boulevards To Help Foreign Visitors



Above is pictured one of the Paris policemen assigned to special duty to aid foreigners in finding their way about the French capital. These officers, specially chosen for this work, are able to speak several languages.

PREPARE TO FIGHT HIGH PETROLEUM PRODUCTS RATES

Indiana Users Will Urge Retention of Present Freight Charges At Hearing.

Indianapolis, Sept. 10.—Users of petroleum products in Indiana met Wednesday at the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce to begin preparation of exhibits to be presented at the hearing on a petition for setting aside reduced freight rates on petroleum from Oklahoma to Indiana. The hearing will be conducted by an interstate commerce commission representative at St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 4.

St. Louis refiners have petitioned the commission for an investigation of rates with a view to restoring them to a point they were prior to May, 1925, when a reduction was ordered. This reduction was followed by another to become effective Oct. 26, this year. The reductions are opposed by the St. Louis refiners.

Prior to the reduction of rates from the Oklahoma fields to Indiana points St. Louis refiners and users in the Chicago consuming territory enjoyed a rate advantage of a hundred gallons below the Indiana rate. The first reduction saved several hundred thousands of dollars to Indiana manufacturers and, with the Oct. 26 cut, the total of the two reductions would be from 14 to 27 per cent, according to the location of the users.

Estimates Savings. The State Chamber of Commerce traffic bureau reports that under the reduced rates Indiana oil manufacturers will effect a saving of \$25,000 or more a year while the Citizens Gas Company of Indianapolis will save about \$40,000 annually. Saving to the Studebaker Corporation at South Bend, the bureau reports, will be at least \$35,000 annually and a similar amount by the Chrysler Corporation of New Castle. The Kokomo Steel and Wire Company, according to the traffic bureau, will save about \$100,000 a year and Marion (Ind.) manufacturers about \$14,000.

Officials of the bureau will present strong opposition to the petition for setting aside the reductions and reestablishing the old rate. Nearly a score of large users of fuel oil and petroleum products are assisting the bureau in preparing for the hearing.

TWO REPORTERS HEARD THE STORY OF POISON SQUAD

Indiana Man Says Baltimore Sun Quoted Mrs. Wheatcraft Correctly.

Indianapolis, Sept. 10.—Did Mrs. Vivian Tracy Wheatcraft, woman manager of the campaign of Senator James E. Watson for renomination, call the Republican women who took an active part in that campaign, her "poison squad"?

It is two to one that she did.

Mrs. Wheatcraft who was in Portland, Me., at the time the interview appeared, made a denial of it.

The two newspapermen to whom she gave the interview have come forward with a re-affirmation that they quoted Mrs. Wheatcraft correctly. They pointed to the fact that stories which each wrote for different newspapers were practically identical.

The story which caused the sensation was printed in the Baltimore Sun, one of the most carefully edited newspapers in the United States. As soon as Mrs. Wheatcraft denied the story the editor of the Baltimore Sun, announced that the interview with the Watson woman leader had been obtained by A. S. Douglas, a journalist of wide experience in Europe and the United States, and that his veracity had never been questioned before.

Mr. Douglas, who is now the Chicago representative of the Sun, then came to his own defense and said that the interview had not been given to him alone, but that P. J. Prince, manager of the Indiana News bureau, had been with him. He called upon Prince to say whether he or Mrs. Wheatcraft had told the truth.

Prince not only confirmed the statement of Douglas, but as further proof, cited his own story which had been published in the Richmond, Ind., Palladium, in which he quoted Mrs. Wheatcraft as saying: "Some might call it a propaganda unit, but to me it's my poison squad."

WOMAN TELLS PLOT AT TRIAL OF LOVER

Crown Point, Ind., Sept. 9.—Mrs. Virginia Mullins, 44 years old, who tried to be loyal "to both Joe and Red," yesterday took the witness stand as a state witness and described her plot with "Red," the roomer and lover, to slay Joe, the husband.

Both Mrs. Mullins and "Red" Donaldson, Gary steel worker, are under indictment for first degree murder. Donaldson's case was under way today.

MAJOR DARGUE LEADER OF U. S. ARMY AIR EXPEDITION TO CIRCLE SOUTH AMERICA



Major Herbert A. Dargue, veteran pilot of the Army Air Corps, has been named commander of the flying expedition (the army will send out this year from Ft. Bliss, Tex., to circle the South American continent.

FARM BUREAU TO HOLD BIG PICNIC

State-Wide Gathering At Turkey Run On September 14th.

Indianapolis, Sept. 10.—The first state-wide Farm Bureau picnic will be held September 14, at Turkey Run state park, the Indiana Farm Bureau Federation announced today. The event was decided on at a recent meeting of the board of directors of the State Farm Bureau and will be held in conjunction with the Fifth District Farm Bureau picnic, which for several years has been held at the state park. Notices have been sent to all the county and township Farm Bureau units, which have been urged to send delegations to the outing, which is expected to attract several thousand persons.

Features of the day will be addresses by Albert Stump, democratic candidate for United States Senator; Frederick E. Schortemeier, secretary of state, and William H. Settle, president of the Federation, all of whom will speak in the afternoon. In the morning there will be addresses on the income tax. The Farm Bureau was largely responsible for the passage of the resolution in the last two sessions of the state legislature providing for a vote on the income tax amendment to the state constitution and is now conducting a state-wide campaign, by speakers and publicity, in the interest of the adoption of the amendment at the fall election.

SEPTEMBER TO BE NORMAL, SAYS SEER

Illinois Forecaster Has Record of Always Hitting the Mark.

Danville, Ill., Sept. 10.—Herman Tengen, veteran weather forecaster of this city, is wearing the smile that will not come off. The reasons are that last winter several of the weather prophets of the country predicted snow for July 4, crop failures and hard times. Herman stated that nothing unusual would develop during the summer. He was right. No snow fell during the summer, neither were there any crop failures or hard times.

His report for September shows the following predictions: Hot and dry weather will exist the first four days, while this will be followed by thunderstorms on the 6th and 7th. Cool weather with showers will follow the nice balmy weather slated for the 9th, 10th and 11th, while it will be blustery on the 14th, 15th and 16th. Cool weather on the 17th, 18th and 19th will be followed by warm weather on the 20th, 21st and 22nd. Rainy weather is slated for the 23rd, 24th and 25th. Cool weather is due on the 26th, 27th and 28th with the month ending unsettled.

The hottest days of September, 1925, were on the 4th, 6th and 9th when the mercury climbed to 96. The coolest day was on the 25th when it dropped to 50. There was a rainfall of 5.17 inches last September.

U. S. THIRD IN BEER, TOBACCO CONSUMPTION

Paris, Sept. 9.—The traditional connection between "beer and baccy" seemingly is confirmed by official statistics which show that countries which drink the most beer smoke the most tobacco per head of population. Holland leads the way, followed by Belgium, two countries where beer is the standard drink. Then comes the United States, Denmark and Austria. The first wine-drinking country, France, is sixth. Germany, however, although a beer country, is only tenth, tying with England.

A proposal calling for a worldwide protocol to avert war has been presented to the disarmament commission of the League of Nations.

STEELE DEFEATS VETERAN UPSHAW

Atlanta (Ga.) Representative — Loses Contest By Only 997 Votes.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 10.—Two new faces will appear among Georgia's delegation in Congress next March. Our veteran of the House having been defeated for re-nomination in Thursday's Democratic state primary, which is the equivalent of election, and another having failed to seek renomination.

W. D. Upshaw, veteran Atlanta representative in Congress, was unseated by Leslie J. Steele, of Decatur, Ga., in the Fifth district, while in the Seventh district, Representative Gordon Lee did not seek the office again.

Upshaw, veteran of four terms in Congress, where he gained fame as a defender of the eighteenth amendment, ran a close race and his vote was only 997 behind Steele's. He polled 5,445 votes to Steele's 5,442. Mayor Walter Sims of Atlanta totaled 7,391.

Upshaw, an outstanding champion of the Volstead act, was defeated by a candidate of his own like as Steele, the nominee, is dry. Mayor Sims, the third entrant in the race, also is classed as dry. Upshaw's defeat was not due to the prohibition question.

SEEK OWEN COUNTY FARMER IN EEL RIVER

Bloomfield, Sept. 9.—Authorities of Green and Owen counties were searching Eel river, Tuesday, in connection with the disappearance Sunday night of Otis Cahill, aged 50, a prosperous farmer, whose home is in Owen county near the Green county line.

Tracks in the soft earth led from the Cahill home to the nearby river bank. Samuel Sillis, who was seen in Cahill's company just previous to his disappearance, is being held in the Owen county jail.

An ostrich has twenty-five plumes in each wing.

Women may be seen smoking in almost all public places in New York, but that liberty is sometimes curtailed as soon as the city limits are passed. On one of the principal railroads, women who invade the masculine precincts of the smoking car are politely but firmly requested by the trainmen to leave.

SPENDS QUIET SUMMER TAMING RATTLESNAKES

Midvale, N. J.—Taming rattlesnakes is a recreation this summer of Arthur Ricker, a resident of this borough. He claims the amateur championship among snake tamers. He has caught nine rattlesnakes on the slopes of Wind-beam mountain during the last four months, and says he has succeeded in pacifying the wild instincts of the reptiles until they eat off his hand.

SENATOR WM. MCKINLEY CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

Martinsville, Ind., Sept. 10.—Senator William B. McKinley, of Illinois, a patient here in a sanitarium, continued to improve today, according to his attending physician, Dr. R. H. Egbert. His condition is still considered critical, but is sufficiently improved to warrant a semi-solid diet, started yesterday. He is in delirium part of the time, the physician said, but is not as restless as he was two or three days ago. At 4 o'clock his temperature was 98.6, his pulse 96, and his more regular respiration 26.

CERTIFICATES OVERSOLD.

Washington, Sept. 10.—Oversubscription of the \$350,000,000 of 3 1/2 per cent tax certificates to be issued on Sept. 15 was announced yesterday at the Treasury. The certificates will mature on June 15, 1927, and with the balances on hand will take care of the government's financing program until the quarterly tax returns are received in December.

This year the United States will reduce its war debts \$850,000,000 and that before the bonds fall due. If local governments would hold down their bonded debts as the federal government is doing with the national debt, we could look on the tax situation with a more complacent eye.

KILLED SELF IN LONDON AT NEWS OF VALENTINO'S DEATH, POLICE REPORT



Above is shown the young woman, known as Peggy Scott, whose death resulted in an exhaustive investigation by the London police. The young woman, known as the "Valentino girl," is said to have killed herself with poison on learning of the death of the famous screen lover.